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SUBJECT: PROJECT HOPE

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1. PROJECT HOPE MADE LASTING AND FAVORABLE IMPRESSION
ON PERUVIANS DURING 1961-62 VISIT TO NORTHERN PORT OF
TRUJILLO, A CITY OF 100,000.

2. AT TRUJILLO, WITH THE FULL COOPERATION OF GOP, THE
HOPE SERVED AS A HOSPITAL AND ALSO AS A CLINICAL FACILITY
FOR THE TOWN'S NEWLY ESTABLISHED MEDICAL SCHOOL. PROJECT
HOPE IMPLANTED MEDICAL TEACHING AND TRAINING CONCEPTS
AT TURJILLO'S NEW UNIVERSITY, WHICH CONTINUE FOLLOWED
TODAY. LITTLE RESENTMENT WAS ENCOUNTERED FROM LOCAL
DOCTORS BECAUSE THE HOPE WAS NOT COMPETING WITH
ESTABLISHED MEDICAL FACILITES OR PRACTICES.

3. DUE TO A U.S. DOCK STRIKE WHICH DELAYED HOPE'S ARRIVAL
IN TRUJILLO, A TEAM OF DOCTORS AND NURSES WAS SENT TO
PERU AHEAD OF THE SHIP. PART OF THIS ADVANCE TEAM WENT
TO THE SMALL, INTERIOR MINING TOWN OF LA OROYA, WHICH
HOPE HAD NOT ORIGINALLY PLANNED ON, TO WORK IN LOCAL
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HOSPITAL. UNLIKE TRUJILLO, LA OROYA'S DOCTORS

RESENTED HOPE'S PRESENCE AND HOSPITAL DID NOT GIVE
FULL SUPPORT TO PROJECT. HOPE DROPPED LA PROYA PROJECT
AFTER FOUR MONTHS.

4. LA OROYA EXPERIENCE IN NO WAY DETRACTED FROM
HOPE'S ENORMOUS SUCCESS AT TRUJILLO. THE DAY THE HOPE
LEFT TRUJILLO, 40,000 PEOPLE REPORTEDLY TURNED OUT AT
THE DOCKS TO SAY GOODBYE.
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